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- 1. The terminal disclaimer filed on April 30, 2004 has been entered.
- 2. The response with a terminal disclaimer filed on August 26, 2004 has been entered.

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The Terminal Disclaimer filed on August 26, 2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent No. 6,719,440 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Reasons for Allowance

Issuance of the prior patent (US patent No.: 6,719,440) to the applicant and provision of a terminal disclaimer have overcome double patenting rejections of claims 5-31. Therefore, claims 5-31 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S Sawhney whose telephone number is on 571-272-2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:15 - 2:45.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications and 703-872-9319.

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